Welcome Rickards
Class Of 2025
Students and Parents!



Parents please join our listserv for very important announcements throughout the year.

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Listsery

Administration Team

- Mr. Douglas Cook- Principal
- Dr. Deborah Barnes-Curriculum
- Mr. Chris Cowart-Attendance/Facilities
 - Mr. Sam Striplin-Student Affairs
 - Mr. Roosevelt Sea-Dean of Students
 - Mr. Earl Hankerson-Athletic Director
 - Dr. Joe Williams- IB Coordinator
- Mrs. E. Melissa Cooper- AP Coordinator/Asst. IB
 - Mrs. Victoria Williams- IB Academic Dean

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- Mrs. Alisha Bradley, Alpha A-E
 - Ms. Terraca Jones, Alpha F-L
 - Dr. Kwame King, Alpha M-R
- Ms. Marqwesha Davis, Alpha S-Z,
- Mr. Malek Dennard- New Horizons
 - Ms. Tamessia Nathan, Secretary
 - Mrs. Melanie Allen, Registrar
 - Dr. Joe Williams- IB Coordinator
- Mrs. Victoria Wiliams, IB Dean of Curriculum
 - Ms. Kerris Satchell, At-Risk Coordinator
- Mrs. Jacqueline Goodman-Testing Coordinator



School Counselors



- Counselors are available for academic, career, and personal support
- Parents are welcome to call or email if they need to reach out and schedule a time to meet with their students counselor
- Appointments with Counselors are scheduled through Guidance Secretary-Ms. Nathan at 850-414-5500



Tips for a successful high school experience

- Is your student having trouble?
 - Encourage them to talk with their teachers
 - Seek out tutoring options
 - Teacher hours
 - ■Tutors- Viral Teach
 - Have student talk to their counselor
 - Monitor child's progress on Focus Portal
 - Maintain good attendance
- Get organized
- Get involved at Rickards



Attendance



- Attend school every day!
- Be on time to your classes!
- Provide documentation to Attendance Office if student is out and needs to be excused.
- Attendance failures can negatively impact course grades and credits earned

*Students should turn in legitimate notes to Ms. Washington's office within 48 hours of absence. Large numbers of absences should be discussed with your assigned counselor.

Attendance Policy

When students/parents report unforeseen car trouble, mishaps, we will accept a written note to excuse lates/absences.

- Funerals, weddings, graduations, etc., parents should complete a pre-arranged absence form. For funerals, students need to submit an obituary for the deceased person.
- If a student is absent 3 days or more consecutively due to illness, he/she is asked to provide a medical excuse on letterhead from the doctor's office. If less than 3 consecutive days, a written note from parent in the form of hard copy, e-mail, or scanned documentation should be submitted.
- Students with 10 or more unexcused absences must earn a passing grade on the semester exam in order to be eligible to receive credit in the class.
- Attendance failures occur in any class in which students have 4 or more unexcused absences and a grade of "F" shall be assigned for that class once report cards are printed for that 9 week grading period.

Why join a club or sport?

Joining a club or sport is a great way to make friends, develop leadership skills, boost self-esteem, and promote academic success in high school. Research shows that students who get involved in the school community tend to have better grades and are happier about coming to school than those that don't.

Extra-curriculars also play a part when you apply to colleges or jobs. Most college and job applications ask about your activities. That's because the things you do in your free time reveal a lot about you- in ways that grades and test scores can't. Your accomplishments outside the classroom show what you're passionate about and that you have qualities valued by colleges.

There are many clubs and organizations to choose from in high school from academic to athletic to community service. Join a club that you truly feel passionate about.

Build your resume

Get involved at school in Clubs

- Make Friends with similar interests
- Opportunity to network and meet individuals who may become involved in your future profession

Begin working on Community Service Hours (Forms Available online)

- Evidence of commitment to your community and others
- Although not required for graduation, needed for those seeking Bright Futures and other Scholarships

Work on your leadership skills

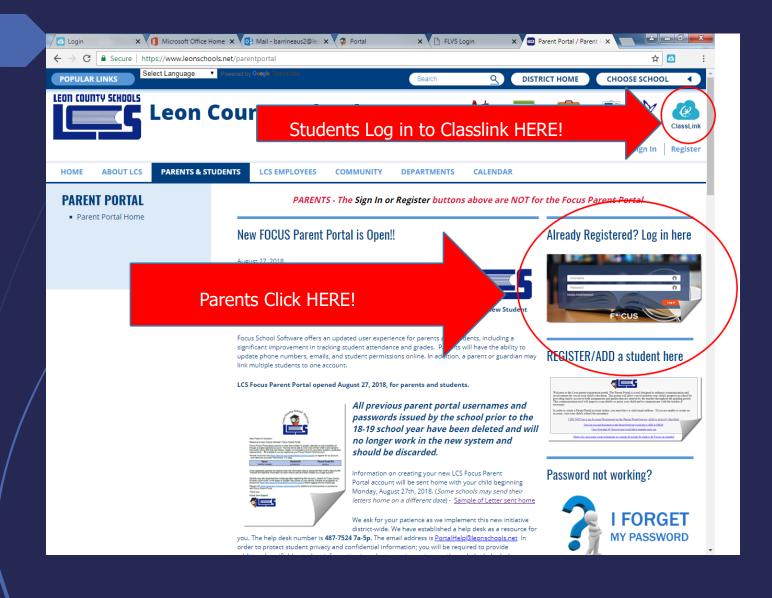
- 10th grade- Youth Leadership Tallahassee-Dr. King
- 11th grade- Girls/Boys State-Dr. Williams
- Talquin Youth Tour (Juniors only)
- Leon Works Junior Apprenticeship (Juniors and Seniors)

Recognize all the opportunities for you and take advantage of them

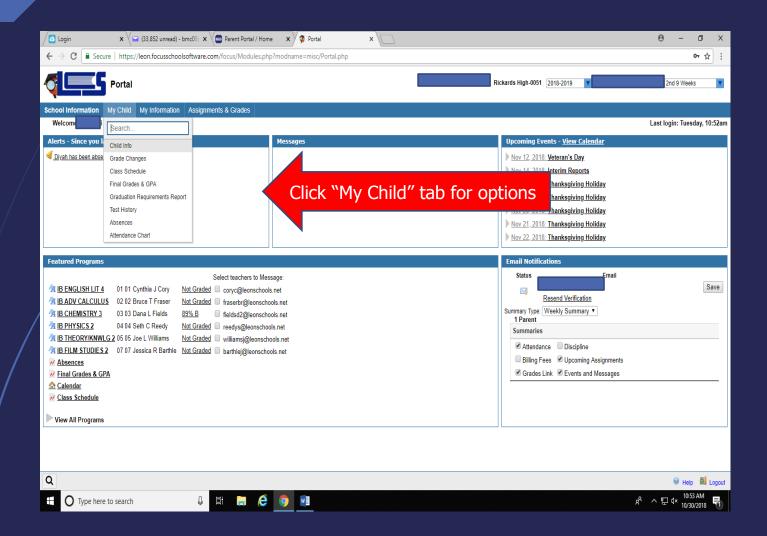
- Earning college credits
- Scholarships
- College tours/visits
- Military

LCS FOCUS

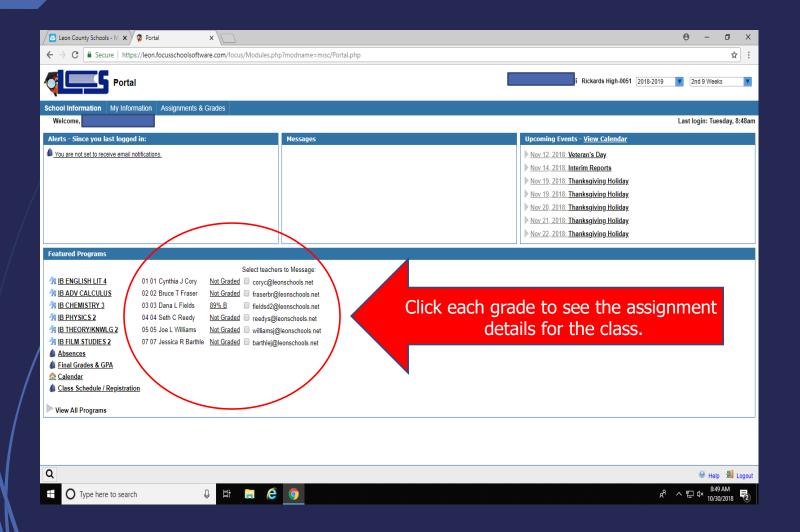
- •FOCUS allows students and parents to view course grades, attendance, test history, health immunizations, graduation requirements, etc. all through a single registered account.
- •Students will access their accounts through Classlink at www.leonschools.net
- Parents should have received a letter with specific instructions on how to register for an account. If you did not, counselors can print letters for you. Once you have an account, please log in to www.leonschools.net/parentportal to access your account.



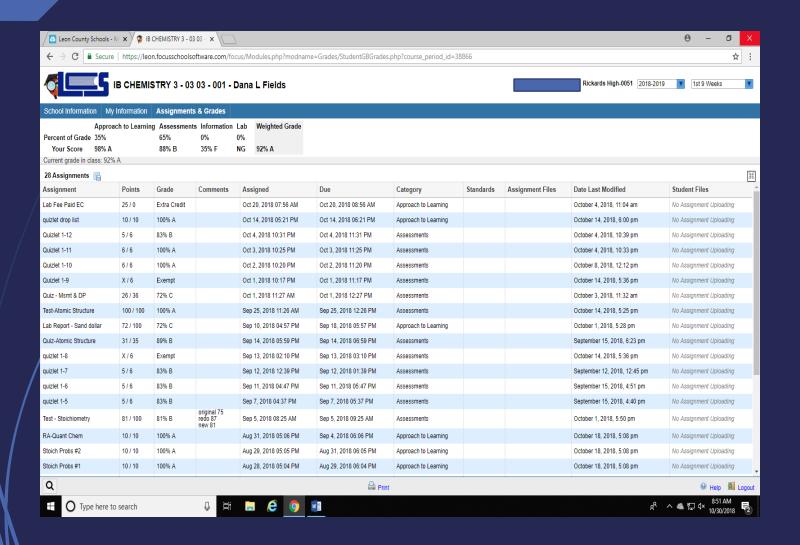
Parent View



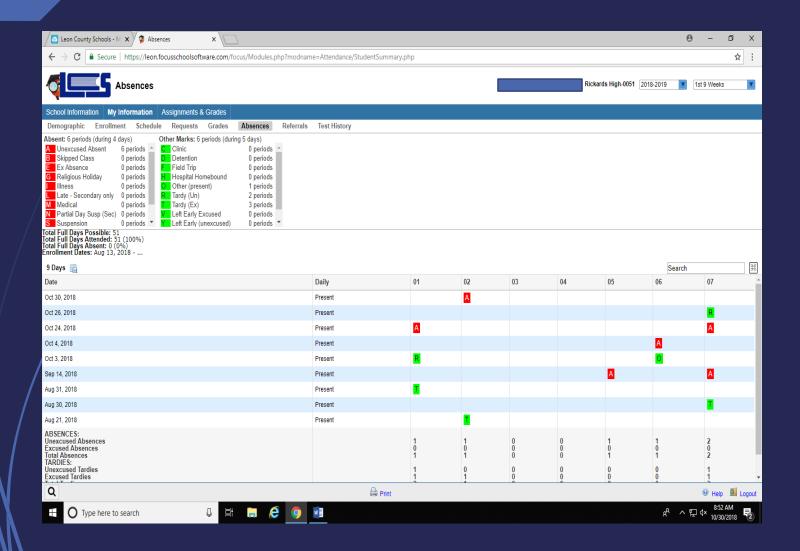
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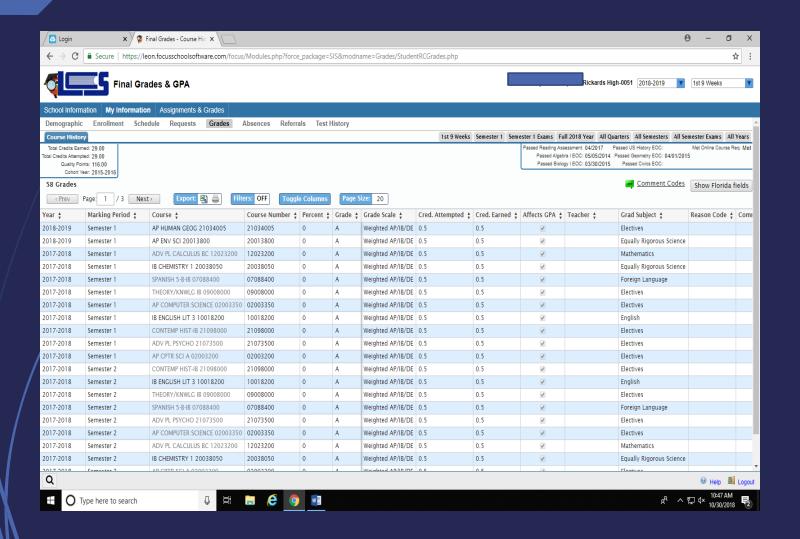
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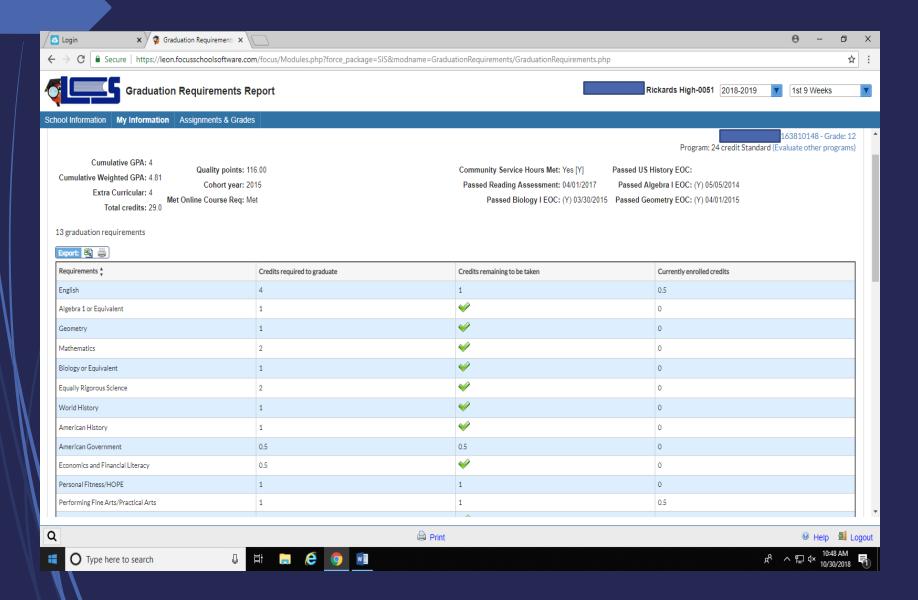
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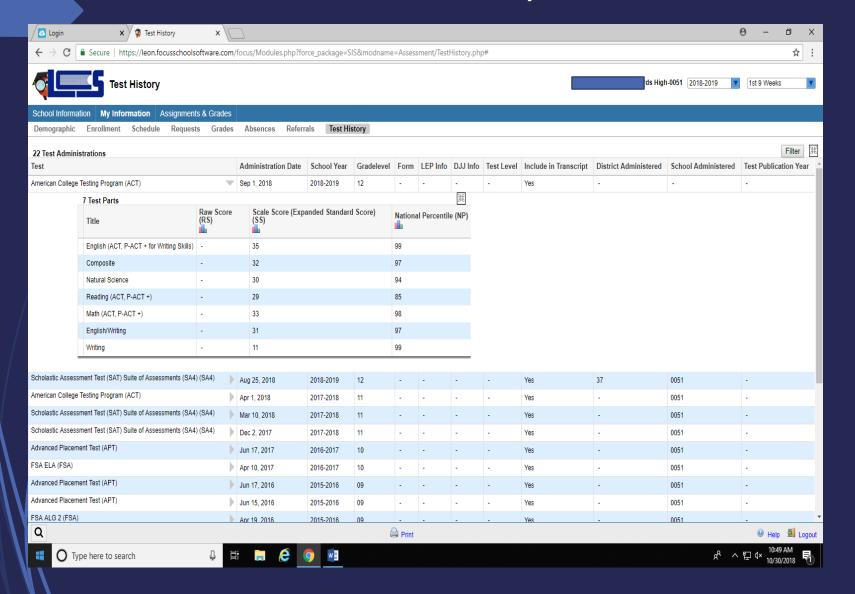
Course History



Graduation Requirements



Test history



Diploma Options

- 24 credit option-Diploma
- 18 credit option- ACCEL
- International Baccalaureate Diploma option

Graduation Requirements

	General Diploma	College Admissions Minimum Requirements
English Credits	4	4 (to include honors, AP and/or DE)
Math Credits	4 (must include Algebra 1 and Geometry)	4 (to include Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 and 1 higher)
Science Credits	3 (must include Biology and 2 must include a Lab component)	4 (to include Biology, Chemistry, and 2 higher)
Social Studies Credits	3 (World History, US History, Government and Economics)	4 (to include honors, AP and/or DE)
Foreign Language Credits		2 consecutive years in the same language
PE and Health	HOPE	
Performing Fine Arts Credit	1	
Electives	8	Additional electives in either honors, AP and/or DE courses
Online Course	1 course within the 24 credits	
GPA	2.0 or higher (unweighted)	
Standardized test	Passing score on 10 th grade FSA (or concordant on SAT/ACT) Passing score on Algebra 1 EOC	

IB Diploma Requirements

- Curriculum Chart
- HL and SL
- **■** EE
- CAS
- TOK
- Assessments
 - IA
 - Oral
 - Written
- Point system



James S. Rickards High School

International Baccalaureate Program 3013 Jim Lee Road Tallahassee, Florida 32301 Telephone Number 850.414.5597 IB Coordinator 850.414.5036



IB Diploma Program Requirements

IB Exams:

- Students are required to take IB Exams in five subjects at the end of their senior year, three at the Higher Level (HL) and two at the Standard Level (SL).
- Students are also required to take IB SL Exams in one subject at the end of their junior year.
- ➤ Alternatively, students may choose to take IB SL Exams in two subjects at the end of their junior year, in which case they would then take IB Exams in four subjects, three HL and one SL, at the end of their senior year.
- Higher Level IB courses offered at Rickards are: English, French, Spanish, Latin, Chinese, History of the Americas, Psychology, Social and Cultural Anthropology, Chemistry, Mathematics Applications & Interpretation, Mathematics Analysis & Approaches, Visual Art, Film, and Music.
- Standard Level IB courses offered at Rickards are: French, Spanish, Latin, Chinese, History, Psychology, Social and Cultural Anthropology, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Systems and Societies, Physics, Mathematics Applications & Interpretation, Mathematics Analysis & Approaches, Visual Art, Film, and Music.
- Students must also complete coursework in Theory of Knowledge (TOK); complete an Extended Essay (EE) during the senior year; and complete Creativity, Activity, and Service (CAS) requirements over an 18-month period, starting at the beginning of the junior year.

JAMES RICKARDS HIGH SCHOOL ♦ INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE ♦ FOUR-YEAR CURRICULUM OFFERINGS (UPDATED 02/08/21)

IB Subject Area	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Language A (English)	FL Pre-IB English	AP English Language and Composition	IB English Lit 3 IB English Lang & Lit 1	IB English Lit 4 (HL) IB English Lang & Lit 3 (HL)
Language B (World Language)	FL Pre-IB Spanish 1, 2, or 3 FL Pre-IB French 1, 2 or 3 FL Pre-IB Latin 1 or 2 FL Pre-IB Mandarin Chinese 1,2, or 3	FL Pre-IB Spanish 2 or 3 AP Spanish Language FL Pre-IB French 2 or 3 FL Pre-IB Latin 2 or 3 FL Pre-IB Mandarin Chinese 2, 3, or 4	AP Spanish Language IB Spanish 3, 4, 5 (SL) IB French 3, 4, 5 (SL) IB Latin 3, 4, 5 (SL) IB Mandarin Chinese 3,4,5 (SL)	IB Spanish 5 (SL), 6 (HL) IB French 5 (SL), 6 (HL) IB Latin 5 (SL), 6 (HL) IB Mandarin Chinese 5 (SL) 6 (HL)
Individuals and Societies	FL Pre-IB World History or AP World History*	AP United States History or US History Honors	IB Contemporary History 1 (SL) or IB History of the Americas IB Psychology 1, 2 (SL) IB Soc. & Cult. Anthropology 1, 2 (SL)	IB Contemporary History 1 (SL), 2 (HL) IB Psychology 2 (SL), 3 (HL) IB Soc. & Cult. Anthropology 2 (SL), 3 (HL)
Experimental Sciences	FL Pre-IB Chemistry** FL Pre-IB Biology***	AP Physics 1** FL Pre-IB Chemistry AP Environmental Science	IB Chemistry 1, 2 (SL) IB Environmental Systems 2 (SL) IB Biology 2 (SL) IB Physics 2 (SL)**	IB Chemistry 3 (HL) IB Environmental Systems 2 (SL) IB Biology 2 (SL) IB Physics 2 (SL)**
	Geometry Honors	Algebra 2 Honors Algebra 2 Honors	IB Math Apps & Int 1 IB Math Apps & Int 1	IB Math Apps & Int 2 (SL) IB Math Anlys & Appr 2 (SL)
Mathematics	Algebra 2 Honors Algebra 2 Honors	Pre-Calculus Honors AP Statistics Pre-Calculus Honors	AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC	IB Math Apps & Int 3 (HL) IB Math Anlys & Appr 3 (HL)
Sixth Subject*, Electives*, Theory of Knowledge	FL Pre-IB Art 1 AP Statistics* AP Biology AP Human Geography AP Computer Science Principles Second Language Second Science Free Elective	FL Pre-IB Art 2 AP Statistics* AP Biology AP European History AP Human Geography AP Music Theory (pre-req. for IB Music) AP Computer Science Principles Second Language	IB Art 1, 2 (SL) IB Film 1, 2 (SL) IB Music 1, 2 (SL) AP Music Theory (pre-req. for IB Music) Second Language B Second IB Exp. Science AP Elective	IB Physics 2 (SL) IB Art 2 (SL), 3 (HL) IB Film 2 (SL), 3 (HL) IB Music 2 (SL), 3 (HL) Second Language B Second IB Exp. Science AP Elective Free Elective
*These classes are offered on a year-to-year basis, depending on student interest	* for exceptional students * *for students who have taken HS Biology in MS *** for students who did not take Biology in MS	Second Language Second Science Free Elective *required for students taking Math Apps & Int 3 HL and recommended for Psychology HL **Pre-requisite: FL Pre-IB Chemistry	Theory of Knowledge 1 (required) **Co-requisite: AP Calculus	**Co-requisite: AP Calculus or IB Math HL

What is a GPA and how do you get one?

 GPA is calculated at the end of every semester. Each letter grade has a point value. More rigorous courses have a "weighted" value.

Standard	Honors/Pre-IB	AP/IB/DE
A=4.0	A=4.5	A=5.0
B=3.0	B=3.5	B=4.0
C=2.0	C=2.5	C=3.0
D=1.0	D=1.5	D=2.0

Dual Enrollment, Advanced Placement and IB courses show colleges and universities that you are able to be successful in a more rigorous course.

Grade/Credit Recovery/Advancement Options

- Students who fail a semester or a full credit of a core course need to "recover" the course to earn the credit. Students may also retake a course they made a grade of "D" in for "grade forgiveness." Achieving a higher grade will improve the students GPA.
 - PLATO recovery program
 - ACE recovery program (Digital)
 - Leon County Virtual School/Florida Virtual School
- Students who need to take an elective course or who wish to take courses for advancement purposes can do so through Virtual School.
 Students need to see their counselor prior to registering for course(s).

"I'm not telling you it's going to be easy.....I'm telling you it's going to be worth it."

-Anonymous

Dual Enrollment

- What are the requirements?
 - At least a 3.0 UNWEIGHTED GPA
 - Qualifying tests scores
 - Prerequisite courses

TCC Min. High School GPA:	MIN. TEST SCORES	SAT	Sub-Scores of: Reading: 24, Writing: 25, Math: 25.5
		ACT	Reading: 19, English: 17, Math: 21
3.0 Unweighted		PERT	Reading: 106, Writing: 103, Math: 123
712577		SAT	Reading: 440, Math: 550
FAMU Min. High School GPA:	MIN. TEST SCORES	ACT	Reading: 19, English: 17, Math: 21
3.0 Unweighted	SCORES	PERT	Reading: 106, Writing: 103, Math: 123
	FSU Min. High School GPA: 3.9 Weighted MIN. TEST SCORES	SAT	1230 plus the following sub-scores: Reading: 24.5, Writing: 27.5, Math: 25.5
Min.HighSchool GPA:		ACT	26 plus the following sub-scores : <i>Reading:</i> 19, <i>English:</i> 19, <i>Math:</i> 21
3.9 Weighted		PERT	Not accepted for Dual-Enrollment with FSU
Lively Min.HighSchool GPA: 2.0 Unweighted	MIN. TEST SCORES	No minimum test score for entry into career dual-enrollment with Lively.	

Meet with your assigned counselor for steps to enroll, before the deadline!!!!

- Fall Deadline- End of Previous school year
- Spring- Thanksgiving break
- Summer Spring Break

Community Service

Community Service hours are NOT a graduation requirement

Community Service hours are encouraged for scholarship opportunities and future reference.....

Hours look great on resume!

Hours must be documented and submitted on proper form (see information center in front office for form and directions)

Five major exclusions for reporting hours......

(Check with your counselor if you aren't sure if the hours can be reported)

- Cannot report hours if student receives any type of monetary compensation
- Cannot report hours if student worked for family members
- Cannot report hours if student did "community service" related to a court stipulation
- Cannot report hours if activity was something they earned a grade for in a class
- Cannot report hours if they are related to promoting a specific religion

The Process:

- Student completes form and returns to their counselor (form MUST be completed in its entirety or it will be returned to student)
- Counselor reviews and verifies information/hours
- Hours are entered into the system for student
- Original form is kept in student file with the counselor



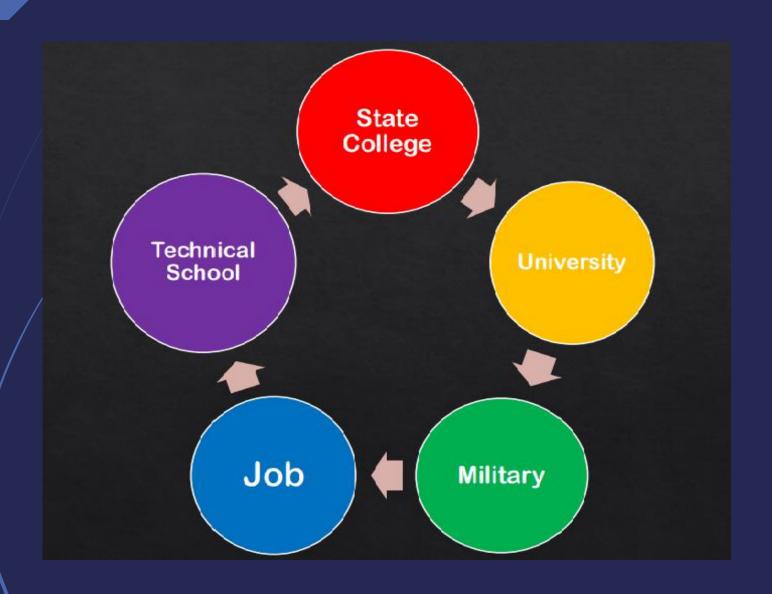
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEON COUNTY Student Services

	RECORD OF COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS		
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	Received By:	Date:	
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LCS Verification of Community Volunteer Hours Performed in Grades 9-12 For the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program FSA - 100 hrs FMS = 75 hrs GSV = 30 hrs

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What is the right path?



Know your options

- Talk to your counselor about your options after high school
- Thinking about going to college?
 - 2 year school vs. 4 year school
 - Attend a college recruiter visit
 - Take a field trip to a college campus
- Military-Recruiters, ASVAB- October 20th see LTC. Proctor by October 15th
- Technical Schools- Certificate degrees, job opportunities
 - Workforce

What are Colleges and Universities looking for in students for acceptance

- Academic Rigor/Challenging Curriculum
- Strength of schedule
- Courses taken vs Courses available
- Grade Point Average (GPA)
- SAT/ACT scores
- School and Community Involvement/Leadership
- Community Service

Graduation Testing Requirements

#1 ELA (Reading)

- FSA ELA:350
- FAST ELA: 350
- SAT Read/Writ (EBRW): 480
- · ACT Eng & Read AVG: 18

#2 Algebra (Math)

- BEST ALG EOC: 497
- BEST GEOM EOC: 499
- · PSAT / NMSQT Math: 430
- SAT Math: 420
- ACT Math:16

Students can check FOCUS "Testing History" for scores.

Bright Futures

Туре	16 High School Course Credits ¹	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/SAT®)	Service Hours
FAS	4 - English (three must include substantial writing) 4 - Mathematics (at or above the Algebra I level) 3 - Natural Science	3.50	2020-21 Graduates: 29/1330 2021-22 Graduates: 29/1330	100 hours
FMS	3 - Natural Science (two must have substantial laboratory) 3 - Social Science 2 - World Language (sequential, in same language)	3.00	2020-21 Graduates: 25/1210 2021-22 Graduates: 25/1210	75 hours

SAT and ACT

Online registration - Must upload photo ID with registration. Both websites offer practice materials. Also check out testpreview.com and sparknotes.com Scores must be sent directly to the universities from SAT/ACT for admissions purposes. Colleges recommend that you submit all of your scores to them and not utilize the Score Choice options. Fee waivers are available through Guidance only for 11th and 12th graders.

Rickards Code: 101663

SAT- www.collegeboard.com

Test Date	Registration Deadline
August 26, 2023	July 28, 2023
October 7, 2023	September 7, 2023
November 4, 2023*	October 5, 2023
December 2, 2023*	November 2, 2023
March 9, 2024 (Digital)*	February 23, 2024
May 4, 2024 (Digital)	April 19, 2024
June 1, 2024 (Digital)	May 16, 2024

ACT-www.act.org

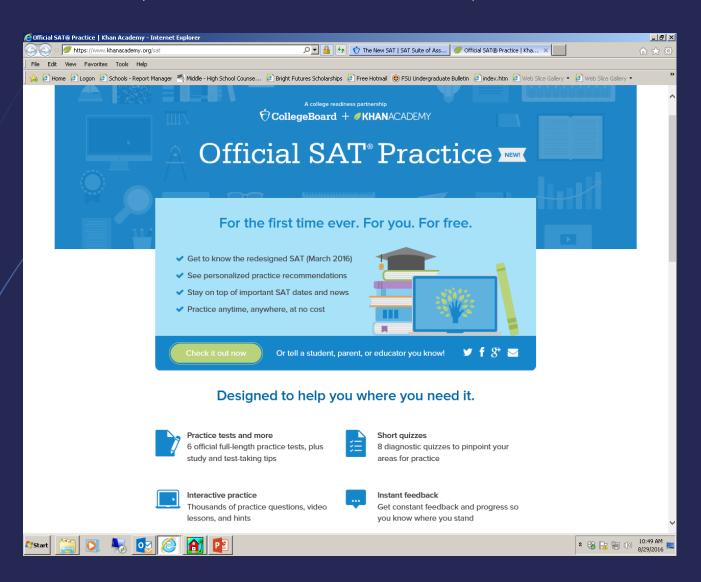
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October 28, 2023	September 22, 2023
December 9, 2023*	November 3, 2023
February 10, 2024	January 5, 2024
April 13, 2024*	March 8, 2024
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024
July 13, 2024	June 7, 2024

Tests listed with an * are held at Rickards

CollegeBoard + KHAN Academy

www.khanacademy.org/sat

Use your scores from PSAT for individualized review plan.





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- Educational games to drive mastery of content

NCAA/NAIA Eligibility



If you are interested in practicing, competing and receiving an athletics scholarship during your first year at a Division I or II school, you must be certified as eligible by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Contact Person: Ms. Terraca Jones

Helpful Websites

www. Floridashines.org

- www.collegeboard.com
- www.actstudent.org

Financial Aid:

- www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org
- www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - www.fastweb.com
 - http://scholarships.brokescholar.com
 - http://www.scholaraid.com/

College Search:

- www.youniversitytv.com
- www.collegeconfidential.com
- www.collegequest.com
- www.anycollege.net
- www.review.com

What can I do to support my student?

- Support regular student attendance
 - Communicate with your child's teachers
 - Check Parent Portal and discuss grades and academic progress
 - Encourage your child to talk about what they are learning
 - Spend time with your child



At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.

Thank you!!



Thank you for investing in your child's education by joining us tonight!
Sometimes it's exhausting, but it will be well worth the journey! What YOU do makes a difference!

Contact us!

- Should you need to contact your students counselor, email is the best way to reach us.
 - bradleya1@leonschools.net Mrs. Alisha Bradley A-E
 - jonest@leonschools.net Ms. Terraca Jones- F-L
 - kingkw@leonschools.net Dr. Kwame King M-R
 - davism10@leonschools.net Ms. Marqwesha Davis S-Z
 - <u>WilliamsJ@leonschools.net</u> Dr. Joe Williams IB Coordinator
 - williamsv3@leonschools.net Mrs. Victoria Williams- IB Academic Dean
 - To schedule a parent teacher conference, or to schedule an appointment with us please call 850/414-5500 and speak with Ms. Nathan our Guidance Secretary.
 - Thank you so much for attending and have a great evening.